## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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- 1. Pitchblende is being mined in Novaya Zemlya by prisoners who are sentenced to twenty-five years or more of forced labor. Prisoners are transported by ship to Novaya Zemlya from Murmansk and from a place on the Pechora River estuary during the ice-free period.
- 2. It is believed that the pitchblende is transported by ship to these same ports, that no other form of transport exists, and that during the winter months the ore is left to accumulate.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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